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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Under the Transmission Line and Distribution Project included in the Five-Year Plan, a scheme for the extension of a 110 K.V. line from Coimbatore to Shoranur at an estimated cost of Rs. 79·85 lakhs and involving the erection of a sub-station at Madukkarai was sanctioned by the Government in December 1952. It has been found since that the scheme requires certain modification and a revised scheme is accordingly being formulated.

" (*b*) As the revised scheme has yet to be approved by the Government, it is not possible to say at present when the scheme will be taken up for execution."

Plying of buses in the City before and after the closure of the tramways.

* 921 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to an answer to a supplementary question under starred question No. 2 answered on 23rd February 1954, the number of buses that were on the road in the City of Madras prior to the closure of the tramway service and after?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The average number of buses that were on the road on all routes prior to the closure of the tram service was 278.

" On an average 303 vehicles including about 40 large buses with a seating capacity of about 60 are now running daily."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" 25 பஸ்கள் அதிகம் விடுவதன் மூலம் டிராம் ஸ்ர்விஸ் நிற்கப்பட்டதால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட ஒரு லட்சம் பிரயாணிகளின் சௌகர்யத்தை ஈடு செய்துவிடமுடியுமாவென்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" To relieve congestion of traffic, 43 new buses have been put on the road."

Seven Wells Water-works, Madras.

* 922 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the annual expenditure for maintaining the Seven Wells Water-works at Mint Street, Georgetown, Madras;

(*b*) the daily output from the Seven Wells to the Fort area;

(*c*) what are the proposals for extending the water-supply scheme of the Seven Wells; and

(*d*) what are the repairs carried out in the year 1953 and the pending works under proposal and the amount of expenditure for the proposals?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The Seven Wells Water-works are under the control of the Garrison Engineer, Fort St. George, who is under the control of the Government

of India, Ministry of Defence. No particulars can therefore be furnished by the Madras Government.''

Income from coupe cuttings.

* 923 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the income derived from coupe cuttings in the present Madras State except South Arcot district during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Rs. 39,97,362.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' We shall take up the questions left over.''

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS.

Appointment of a M.L.A. from Malabar as Minister.

* 1014 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether he has advised the Governor to appoint any member of this Assembly from Malabar as a Minister?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' No.''

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—'' Is it a fact that the Chief Minister has come to the conclusion that Aikya Kerala State will come into existence very soon and is it on account of that that no Member from Malabar has been included in the Cabinet? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' The presumption of the hon. Member is wrong.''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' With the permission of the Chair, may I ask whether the hon. Member who put the question has been briefed to put it? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' It is not right on the part of the hon. Member to say that he has been briefed. Nobody has been briefed. I am afraid I cannot allow such questions.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" மந்திரி சபையில் மலபார் பிரதேசத்திலிருந்து என் ஒரு அங்கத்தினர் சேர்க்கப்படவில்லை? காங்கிரஸ் கட்சிக்குள்ளேயே அதற்குத் தகுந்த நபர் இல்லாவிட்டால் பிரஜா சோஷலிஸ்டுக் கட்சியிலிருந்தாவது ஒருவரை எடுத்துக்கொள்வார்களா என்று நான் கேட்கிறேன் ? ''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I know the hon. Member would very much like to have a chance for his own party. (Interruption by Sri M. Kalyanasundram.) We shall take a decision at our own convenience. I know he will protest and I also know what is in his heart.''